MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No inconvenience is felt by the passengers now.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know the nature of the provision made there?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There are sheds.

Motor Bus Fares.

144. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*); Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the distance between Kottayam and Palai, Kottayam and Alwaye, Kottayam and Quilon, Kottayam and Trivandrum, Quilon and Trivandrum, Trivandrum and Nagercoil, Nagercoil and Cape, and the respective fares obtaining in the various bus services connecting these places;

(*b*) whether there is any understanding between the Government on the one hand and the bus-owners on the other with regard to bus fares in the State;

(*c*) whether there is any rule, written or unwritten, prohibiting the bus-owners from levying more than 8 cash per mile per head;

(*d*) whether the Traffic Department has given any assurance to the Kottayam-Palai bus owners that no more fresh permits will be given on the route; and

(*e*) whether they have taken any steps to make the bus fares in the State uniform?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commisioner of Police*):

	Miles.	*Rates of fare.* Rs.	As.	P.
(*a*)				
Kottayam and Palai ...	17¾	...	8	...
Kottayam and Alwaye ...	58	1	4	...
Kottayam and Quilon ...	64¾	1	...	...
Kottayam and Trivandrum	95½	1	12	...
Quilon and Trivandrum ...	44¼	...	7	...
Trivandrum and Nagercoil	43⅜	...	12	...
Nagercoil and Cape ...	13	...	3	5

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) Answers are in the negative.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Before putting supplementary questions I must make a submission to the Chair, *viz.*, that the answers given are not correct. In answer to part (*a*) it is stated that the fare between Trivandrum and Kottayam is Re. 1-12 annas. It is not so.

May I know from the member the last date on which a permit was given on the Kottayam-Palai route?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether any fresh permit was issued in 1111?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

M. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether there were applications for the purpose in the interval?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I do not remember.

MR. P C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): I have to make another submission to the Chair. In the light of the answers given, I am not able to put any more supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: What is the difficulty? The answers to parts (*b*), (*c*) (*d*) and (*e*) are in the negative.

P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): The Commissioner has claimed notice in respect of all the supplementary questions I have put. So I am not in a position to proceed further.

Alwaye-Munnar bus service.

145. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses that are now permitted to be run between Alwaye and Munnar;

(*b*) the dates from which each of the buses above referred to was permitted to be run;

(*c*) whether any person had applied for permission to run his buses between Alwaye and Munnar before the owners of any of the buses that are now permitted to be run applied for the same; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for rejecting the prior applications and granting the subsequent ones?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) (i) 31-10-1934.

(ii) 12-3-1936.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

Royalty on Minerals.

146. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate at which royalty is fixed for the different minerals in the State;

(*b*) whether the rate is uniform for all the Companies;

(*c*) how that rate is fixed; and

(*d*) whether the Companies working at minerals have to pay any other dues to the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A *statement showing the rates at which royalty is fixed for the different minerals in the State is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The royalty is fixed with reference to the selling price of the mineral sand.

(*d*) No.

Vide Appendix II.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly